

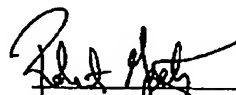
REMARKS

Claims 1 - 6 and 8 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended and Claims 5, 6 and 8 have been canceled. Unless otherwise noted, the claims have been cancelled or amended to further Applicant's business interests and the prosecution of the present application in a manner consistent with the PTO's Patent Business Goals (PBG; 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (September 8, 2000), and not in acquiescence to the Examiner's arguments and while reserving the right to prosecute the original (or similar) claims in the future. None of the claim amendments made herein are intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended claims within the meaning of *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, 234 F.3d 558, 56 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. 2000) or related cases.

The Examiner has indicated that Claim 6 is allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended Claim 1 to include the limitations of Claims 5 and 6. Thus, Claim 1 and the claims dependent thereon are in condition for allowance.

All grounds of rejection and objection of the Office Action of July 22, 2004 having been addressed, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that the invention as claimed fully meets all requirements and that the claims are worthy of allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicant encourages the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (608) 218-6900.

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